



BIOSEC workshop: Conservation in conflict and militarised areas

Political ecology research towards violence and conflict

7 & 8 November 2017, The University of Sheffield, Politics Department, Mohan Library

Programme – Tuesday 7 November

09:00 – arrival and coffee

09.30 – welcome and introductions: Esther Marijnen (*University of Sheffield*) & Lotje de Vries (*Wageningen University*)

- Dan Brockington, Sheffield Institute for International Development (*University of Sheffield*)
- Rosaleen Duffy (*University of Sheffield*): Introduction BIOSEC
- Bram Büscher (*Wageningen University*): Introduction Crisis Conservation project

10.30 – coffee break

10:45 – PANEL 1: ‘Between pastoralists and rebels: Environmental issues in times of violent conflict’ Chair: Lotje de Vries

- Tor A. Benjaminsen (*Norwegian University of Life Sciences*) and Boubacar Ba (independent lawyer)
Why do Pastoralists in Mali join Jihadist Groups? A Political Ecological Explanation
- Matthew W. Luizza (*U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and Colorado State University*)
Cattle and Kalashnikovs: Can Pastoralists and Protected Areas Coexist in an Unstable Central Africa?
- Esther Marijnen (*University of Sheffield*)
Environmental Insurgencies: How rebel groups govern nature and interact with conservation efforts in east DR Congo



12:30 – Lunch

13:30 – Walk and Talk in the park

14:30 - Roundtable discussion on methodology, methods and fieldwork

Facilitator: Esther Marijnen

- Judith Verweijen (*University of Ghent*)
Cross-fertilizing critical conservation and conflict studies
- Francis Masse (*York University*)
In/on/with the frontline of anti-poaching: research proximity and getting close to those of whom we are critical

16:00 – Coffee break

16:15 – **PANEL 2: 'A Rhino War? Livelihoods, history and politics'** Chair: Bram

Büscher

- Emile Smith (*Institute for Social Studies, Erasmus University*)
The 'War on Rhino Poaching': Unravelling Liberal War-Making in Conservation
- Adrian Nel (*University of Kwazulu-Natal*)
Black Rhinos, White Elephant? – Decolonization and community conservation or conflict and militarized protectionism in the Greater iMfolozi Biodiversity Economy Node
- Elizabeth Lunstrum (*York University*) and Nícia Givá (*Universidade Eduardo Mondlane and Swedish University of Agricultural Science*)
Politicizing Wildlife Crime: Exposing the supply –side drivers of the commercial rhino poaching in the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park

18:00 – Optional: Opening of Photo exhibition livelihood change in Tanzania, Sheffield Winter garden

19.00 – Dinner

Wednesday 8 November

08:45 – arrival and coffee

09.00 – **PANEL 3:** ‘A moral war? Valuing human and non-human life in militarised conservation’ Chair: Dan Brockington

- Brock Bersaglio (*University of Sheffield*)
Rhinopower: The ‘Make Live and Let Die’ Politics of Rhino Conservation in Kenya
- Louisa Lombard (*Yale University*)
Moralizing Conservation: Valuing Life in the Present and Future
- Bram Büscher
Uneven Geographical Extinction: Anxieties over Race, Control and Capital from the beginning to the end of Conservation

10.30 – coffee

10.45 – **PANEL 4:** ‘Environmental ‘peace’ interventions, violent outcomes?’
Chair: Rosaleen Duffy

- Amber Huff (*Institute of Development Studies*) Gregg Smith (*Institute of Development Studies*) & Bram Tucker (*University of Georgia*)
‘Good governance’, bad politics: contested security and conservation governance in southwestern Madagascar
- Lisa Trogisch (*Wageningen University*)
Peace Tourism and the Greater Virunga Transboundary Protected Area

12.30 – lunch

13.30 – closing discussion: Is there a specific research agenda? Future plans.

15.00 – end of the Workshop

17.00 – optional: Inaugural Address of Prof. Dan Brockington